

## SUNDAY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Be doers of the word. (James 1:22)*

In today's second reading, James compares the Scriptures to a mirror. When we read the word of God, or when we hear it proclaimed at Mass, we often see ourselves in the stories and teachings it contains. Scripture helps us "discern reflections and thoughts of the heart, both good thoughts and the not so good ones (Hebrews 4:12). Scripture can expose our pride, confront our resentments, or uncover our deception, greed, or lust. But at the same time, Scripture assures us that God made us in his image. It convinces us that God loves us and that his grace is more than enough to change our lives.

But no matter how much grace God has for us, James tells us that it's not enough just to hear the word of God - not if we want to see any significant changes in the sinful areas of our lives. Similarly, just hearing the word of God won't result in a growth in our gifts and virtues. We have to be "doers of the word" as well as "hearers" (James 1:22).

James gives us a wonderful image to help make this point: someone who hears the word but doesn't put it into action "is like a man who

looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like" (James 1:23-24).

James isn't speaking about a poor memory here. He's speaking about poor priorities. People "forget" Scripture because they have placed other priorities ahead of following the Lord.

*"Lord, I welcome  
your word."*

The word of God does have the power to help us - but only to the degree that we cooperate with it. So be sure to read Scripture each day. But also, be sure to write down one action step you can take based on what you have read. Then, dedicate your day to taking that one step at every opportunity. Let it help you say no to sin and yes to God today. If you do, you will be "blessed" beyond your expectations (James 1:25)!

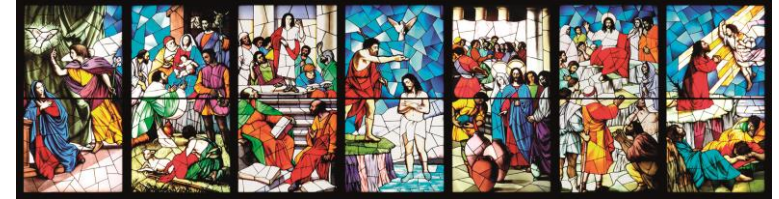
**Meditations 2 September 2018 ~ The Word Among Us**



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# Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

2 September 2018



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All are welcome

## Mass Timings

Weekday  
6.30 am; 6.00 pm

Saturday  
6.30 am; 5.00 pm (Novena)  
6.00 pm (Sunset)

Sunday  
6.45 am; 8.00 am (Mandarin)  
9.45 am; 11.30 am; 5.30 pm  
Confessions 20 mins before Mass

Tagalog Mass 2.00 pm  
First Sunday Only

Public Holiday  
9.00 am only

## World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation



Pope Francis declared  
September 1 as the annual  
World Day of Prayer for the  
Care of Creation.

This day of prayer, the Pope said, will give the faithful an opportunity to implore God's help in protecting creation and to ask God's forgiveness "for sins committed against the world in which we live."

So together with Pope Francis, let us pray for our environment, its protection and care today and throughout the year.

*O Lord, seize us with your power and light,  
help us protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
Praise be to you!  
Amen.*

*Extract from Laudato Si', 'A Christian prayer in  
union with creation'*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> collection by SVDP

There will be a second collection this weekend by the St Vincent de Paul for the poor of the parish. Please donate generously.

## Infant Baptism

Every third Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm in the chapel. The next Infant Baptism is on Sunday, 16 September. The preparatory session for parents and godparents is on Sunday, 9 September, 3.00 pm in Room 12, Level 2. For more details, please contact the parish secretariat.

## 2019 Registration for Level 1 Catechism

Online registration is now open. Please register your child at

<https://tinyurl.com/HTCPriReg>

Please enclose a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. Registration will close on 15 December 2018. For enquiries, contact Mary at 96604219 or visit us at Room 21 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) during catechism sessions.

**FORMED** PARISH CODE: M2B4H8

## Daily Readings

Monday, 3/9/18

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 119:97-102; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, 4/9/18

1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Psalm 145:8-14; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, 5/9/18

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 33:12-15, 20-21; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, 6/9/18

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 5:1-11

Friday, 7/9/18

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, 8/9/18

Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 13:6; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

## Weekly Events

(3 ~ 8 September)

### Monday:

Legion of Mary (Queen of Angels) ~ 7.30 pm in Room 20

### Tuesday:

Legion of Mary (Mary, Full of Grace) ~ 10.00 am in Meeting Room, Mezzanine Level

Prayer for Priests ~ 5.00 pm in the Chapel

Rosary Devotion at the Grotto ~ After 6.00 pm Mass

Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Charity) ~ 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room, Mezzanine Level

Charismatic ~ 7.45 pm in the Chapel.

Christian Meditation ~ 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm in Room 11, Level 2

### Wednesday:

Grow Our Faith ~ 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

### Thursday:

Mothers Prayers ~ 10.30 am in Room 15, Level 2.

RCIA (English) ~ 7.45 pm in the Parish Hall.

Charismatic Intercessory Prayer ~ 8.00 pm in Room 11, Level 2.

### Friday:

Divine Mercy Devotion ~ 8.00 pm in the Chapel.

### Saturday:

Legion of Mary - Teens (Mary, Star of the New Evangelisation) ~ 2.00 pm in the Meeting Room, Mezzanine Level

## 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Holy Trinity Kindergarten

The Church of the Holy Trinity Kindergarten celebrated her 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with families coming together for a day of fun and games on 25 August, Saturday. Parents and children bonded over engaging activities and parents also enjoyed the performances put up by their children. In line with the theme of the celebration "One Heart", funds were raised and the proceeds will be donated to a charitable cause.



## Holy Family Rosary Devotion

3 - 9 September, 8.15 pm at Blk 266 Tampines Street 21, #05-14 (home of Lorenzo III Rivadulla). For enquiries, contact Juliana at 94468890.

## Adelphi's Corner

Please stay for fellowship after Mass and enjoy breakfast prepared by the Simei NCC and Divine Mercy Devotion group. Free coffee and tea.

## Church Cleaning

(Willing Hands)

Volunteers are needed every Wednesday and Saturday at 9.00 am.

## Simei NCC Rosary Prayer

Wednesday, 5 September, 8 pm at 3 Simei St 3, Tower 2C, Eastpoint Green, #02-02 (home of Shirly K Vincent). For enquiries, call Stella Rozario at 96642275.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

115 of our Level 2 children, including the Chinese group, celebrated their first Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, 24 August.

The service started off with the children being led through an examination of conscience followed by them making their individual confessions through the priests. The children experienced peace and joy as they made their confessions. Parents were invited to participate in this important milestone of their child's faith journey with Jesus.



*A warm welcome to everyone who's visiting our parish for the first time.*